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SUBJECT: GUNFIRE ATTACK ON CONSUL GENERAL'S RESIDENCE

1. UNKNOWN PERSONS FIRED AN AUTOMATIC WEAPON AT THE UPPER STORIES OF THE CONSUL GENERAL'S RESIDENCE AT 11:20 P.M.

MARCH 29, INFLECTING CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE IN THE SLEEPING AND LIVING QUARTERS. MIRACULOUSLY THERE WERE NO PERSONAL INJURIES.

2. ACCORDING TO THE RESIDENCE NIGHT WATCHMAN, WHO OBSERVED THE SHOOTING FROM A LOWER TERRACE, THE ASSAILANTS FIRED FROM A CAR MOVING ALONG THE STREET BORDERING THE LOW BOUNDARY WALL

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ABOUT 50 YARDS ACROSS THE GARDEN FROM THE HOUSE PROPER. A NEIGHBOR LATER TOLD THE POLICE HE THOUGHT THERE WERE TWO CARS.

TWO ROUNDS, ONE OF WHICH ENTERED THE ROOM, STRUCK THE WINDOW FRAMES IN THE CONSUL GENERAL'S BEDROOM ON THE SECOND LEVEL,

SHOWERING SPINTERS AND PLASTER ON THE CONSUL GENERAL AND HIS WIFE WHO HAD RETIRED EARLY. HOWEVER THE BULK OF THE FIRE,

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WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN ONE LONG AUTOMATIC BURST FROM A FULL MAGAZINE, WAS FOCUSED ON THE LIVING ROOM AREA ON THE FLOOR ABOVE THE BEDROOM. AT LEAST 17 ROUNDS STRUCK THIS AREA, 15 OF WHICH PIERCED LIVING ROOM WINDOWS AND SHUTTERS AND RICOCHETED EXTENSIVELY. ANOTHER ROUND PENETRATED THE PANTRY ADJOINING THE KITCHEN. GLASS IN THE TWO TERRACE DOORS AND FIVE WINDOWS WILL NEED REPLACEMENT. THE ENTIRE HOUSE WAS

DARKENED AT THE TIME OF THE SHOOTING.

3. POLICE ARRIVE QUICKLY ON THE SCENE AND FROM RECOVERED BULLET FRAGMENTS INITIALLY CONCLUDED THAT THE WEAPON HAD BEEN A 9 MILLIMETER MAVBINE GUN. POLICE ALSO FOUND AN UNEXPLODED EIGHT-INCH PIPE BOMB IN THE STREET WHERE THEGER HAD DRIVEN, SUGGESTING THAT THE ATTACKERS HAD ALSO ATTEMPTED TO THROW THE BOMB INTO THE GARDEN.

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4. THE PROSPECTS FOR IDENTIFYING THE PERPETRATORS OF THE ATTACK APPEAR SLIGHT. THE POLICE BELIEVE AND WE CONCUR THAT LAST NIGHT'S ATTACK WAS PART OF THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN OF VIOLENCE, SOME OF IT RANDOM, BEING CARRIED OUT BY LEFTIST EXTREMISTS TO CALL ATTENTION TO THE SLAYING ON MARCH 30, 1971 OF TERRORIST MAHIR CAYAN IN A SHOOTOUT WITH POLICE IN ISTANBUL. THE IZMIR GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE NOT FAR FROM THE CONSUL GENERAL'S HOUSE WAS THE TARGET OF A SIMILAR SHOOT-UP ON MARCH 20, AND THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS BOMBINGS OF BANKS AND OTHER BUILDINGS. AN AMERICAN DOD DEPENDENT SCHOOL TEACHER'S CAR WAS ALSO DAMAGED BY A BOMB LAST NIGHT IN SUBURBAN KARSIYAKA. THE FACT THAT THE TERRORISTS WERE FIRING INTO A DARKENED RESIDENCE LAST NIGHT WOULD APPEAR TO ARGUE AGAINST THE LIKELIHOOD OF SERIOUS INTENT TO INFLECT PERSONAL INJURY. AT THE SAME TIME, THE DIRECTOR OF THE POLITICAL POLICE SECTION INFORMED US TODAY THAT HE IS ESPECIALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE ATTACK ON THE RESIDENCE AND WILL SEEK TO RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DIRECT ANTI-AMERICAN MOTIVATION. HE WAS PARTICULARLY CONSCIOUS THAT AMBASSADOR AND MRS. MACOMBER WERE GUESTS IN THE RESIDENCE THE PREVIOUS NIGHT.

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5. THE POLICE GUARD AROUND THE RESIDENCE HAS TODAY BEEN INCREASED, WITH TWO UNIFORMED MEN ON DUTY AT THE REAR TO SUPPLEMENT THE TWO PERMANENTLY STATIONED AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT A PERMANENT POLICE BOX WILL BE ESTABLISHED AT THE REAR, WHICH IS THE MOST VULNERABLE AREA AND THE SIDE FROM WHICH PREVIOUS ATTACKS HAVE BEEN LAUNCHED.

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